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IN A WRITTEN ANSWER ON AUGUST 5, 1975 TO A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION CONCERNING "THE VALUE OF U.S. MILITARY, NAVAL AND AIR WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT, RESPECTIVELY, PURCHASED BY THE UK AND OF THE CORRESPONDING BRITISH WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE PAST 10 YEARS", MR. MASON (SECRETARY OF DEFENSE) GAVE THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS:

1971-72	6.3M POUNDS
1972-73	12.8M "
1973-4	9.LM "
1974-5	39.5M POUNDS

COVERING CONTRACTS PLACED FOR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT OF U.S. MANUFACTURE BUT EXCLUDING SUBCONTRACTS PLACED BY MOD CONTRACTORS. IN ANSWER TO WHAT BRITISH EQUIPMENT THE U.S. HAD BOUGHT, MR. MASON'S REPLY WAS "...THE USG HAVE SO FAR PURCHASED FEW ITEMS OF BRITISH DEFENSE EQUIPMENT, IN TERMS OF COMPLETE WEAPONS SYSTEMS. HOWEVER, OVER THE LAST DECADE, U.S. PURCHASES HAVE INCLUDED HARRIER AIRCRAFT, HEAD-UP DISPLAYS FOR AMERICAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT, AIRCRAFT TRAINING SIMULATION SYSTEMS, MILITARY AIRCRAFT

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ENGINES, AND CERTAIN ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT. IN TOTAL,

THE SALES ARE ESTIMATED TO BE WORTH APPROXIMATELY
U.S.\$600 MILLION..."

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